

## EXPANDABLE, NO-SHRINK SHIRT COLLAR

### Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A shirt collar in which the material forming at least the neckband, but alternatively both  
the neckband and the collar, is made of a stretchable material that yields in a circumferential  
direction when a circumferential tensile force is applied thereto, and which shrinks only  
negligibly in a circumferential direction in the event of shrinkage of the neckband. In a preferred  
embodiment, the neckband is made of a woven fabric comprised of warp and weft threads, with at  
least some of the threads arranged on a bias so that in the event the length of the threads shrinks  
there is only a negligible reduction in the circumferential size of the collar, and the collar is  
10 stretchable in a direction parallel to the circumferential direction. In another form of the  
invention, the neckband is made of a non-elastomeric material that has a plurality of holes in it  
which elongate when a tensile force is applied circumferentially to the neckband, resulting in  
elongation of the neckband. The stitching that forms the seams attaching the collar to the  
neckband, and the neckband to the body of the shirt, may be applied in a pattern, e.g., zig-zag or  
15 skip stitching, that enables the seams to stretch in the circumferential direction of the collar.